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Documents AQ and AV are cited in the above-identified application.

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Documents AA and AB (US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0016245 and U.S. 6,475,132) are equivalent to Document AR (DE 200 107 43).

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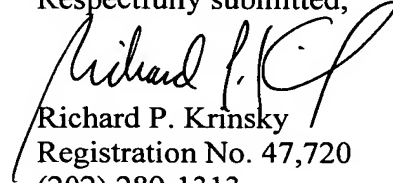
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